

**AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 5, with the following subtitle and amended paragraph:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/346,276, filed July 1, 1999 and is based on application Nos. 10-188724/1998, 10-188730/1998 and 10-188736/1998 filed in Japan, the contents of which are incorporated hereinto by reference

On Page 9, please replace the paragraph bridging pages 9 and 10, with the following:

The image reader 200 is described. The document on a platen glass plate 208 is illuminated by an exposure lamp 201. A light reflected from the illuminated document is guided by a group 202 of three mirrors to a lens 203 so that the image is formed on a CCD sensor 204. The CCD sensor 204 consists of three line sensors for red, green and blue arranged in parallel to each other, and the main scan direction is along the line sensors. The exposure lamp 201 and the first mirror scan the document at velocity V in accordance with the magnification power in a direction indicated by an arrow by a scanner motor 209, thereby permitting scanning over the document on the platen glass plate 208. The second and third mirrors are moved in the same direction at velocity V/2 with the scanning of the exposure lamp 201 and the first mirror. The position of the exposure lamp 201 is calculated and controlled in accordance with a scanner home sensor 210 and an amount of movement from home position (the number of steps of the motor). The light reflected from the document, which is incident on the CCD sensor 204, is converted to an electric signal in the sensor. An image processing circuit 205 processes the

analog electric signal and converts it to digital image data. Then, the digital image is sent to the interface 207 and the image former 300. A white shading correction plate [[209]] 206 is located at a different position from the image read position of the platen glass plate 208. The shading correction plate [[209]] 206 is read in order to create correction data for shading correction prior to the read of image information on the document.